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1. The nationalist faction of North Korean Communists, mostly former members of the South Korean Labor Party (SKLP), have lost enthusiasm to carry on their work because of the following conditions:
 - a. There are no positions of equality or prestige available to them in North Korea.
 - b. The North Korean Labor Party (NKLP) treats them as second-class members of the party.
 - c. The NKLP uses former SKLP members for all hazardous operations like guerrilla activity and assassination assignments in ROK.
 - d. The SKLP members have no definite promise of a political future.
 - e. They have no voice in the internal conflict between the Chinese Communist, Soviet, and NKLP cliques.
2. The Soviet-trained Communists are supporting KIM Il-sŏng and are trying to maintain control of all North Korean intelligence agencies so they can check on the anti-KIM Il-sŏng elements in the army. No action is to be taken against the anti-KIM group while the Chinese Communists are in Korea but when the Chinese Communists leave, the group will be purged. A list of those to be purged was being made in early October.
3. Communist propaganda in North Korea states that Britain is losing control of her colonies while the United States is gradually assuming responsibility, though the United States as yet is unable to cope with the increasing problems. The United States, with no ready-made policy regarding these problems, is driving the colonial nations to the side of the Soviet Union. If the policy of the United States continues thus, the Soviets will gain more popularity among smaller nations and will be able to reverse the general attitude of the world.

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